

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S13029–S13135

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and six resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2191–2206, S.J. Res. 21, S. Res. 351–353, and S. Con. Res. 50–51.

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Measures Passed:

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 351, designating the week beginning October 21, 2007, as “National Character Counts Week”.

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United States-Mongolia Relations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 352, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the 20th anniversary of United States-Mongolia relations.

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Fair Elections in Lebanon: Senate agreed to S. Res. 353, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the importance of a sovereign, democratic, and prosperous Lebanon and the need for free and fair presidential elections in Lebanon without intimidation or foreign interference.

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Lights on Afterschool: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51, supporting “Lights On Afterschool!”, a national celebration of after school programs.

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NASA Langley Research Center Anniversary: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 222, commending NASA Langley Research Center in Virginia on the celebration of its 90th anniversary on October 26 and 27, 2007.

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Technical Corrections: Senate passed S. 2206, to provide technical corrections to Public Law 109–116 (2 U.S.C. 2131a note) to extend the time period for the Joint Committee on the Library to enter into an agreement to obtain a statue of Rosa Parks.

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Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1284, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2007, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indem-

nity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President.

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Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad: Senate agreed to S. Res. 258, recognizing the historical and educational significance of the Atlantic Freedom Tour of the Freedom Schooner Amistad, and expressing the sense of the Senate that preserving the legacy of the Amistad story is important in promoting multicultural dialogue, education, and cooperation.

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Government of Libya: Senate passed S. 1839, to require periodic reports on claims related to acts of terrorism against Americans perpetrated or supported by the Government of Libya.

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Measures Considered:

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3043, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

DeMint Amendment No. 3340 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide that none of the funds made available under the Act may be used to circumvent any statutory or administrative formula-driven or competitive awarding process to award funds to a project in response to a request from a Member of Congress.

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Dole Amendment No. 3341 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the National Cord Blood Stem Cell Program.

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By 90 yeas to 3 nays (Vote No. 374), Harkin Amendment No. 3368 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for activities to reduce infections from methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and related infections.

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By 89 yeas to 4 nays (Vote No. 375), Byrd Amendment No. 3362 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

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By 81 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 376), Brown/Voinovich Amendment No. 3348 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program.

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Coburn/Kyl Amendment No. 3321 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional care for pregnant women, mothers, and infants by eliminating a \$1,000,000 earmark for a museum dedicated to Woodstock. (By 42 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 377), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.)

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Brown Amendment No. 3349 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the Secretary of Education from using funds with respect to an evaluation for the Upward Bound Program until congressional examination of the regulation providing for such review.

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By 68 yeas to 25 nays (Vote No. 378), Harkin (for Reid) Amendment No. 3395 (to Amendment No. 3325), to clarify the application of current law.

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Landrieu Amendment No. 3402 (to Amendment No. 3325), of a perfecting nature.

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Harkin (for Coburn) Amendment No. 3323 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide an annual report card for the Department of Education.

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Harkin (for Alexander) Amendment No. 3337 (to Amendment No. 3325), to express the sense of the Senate regarding science teaching and assessment.

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Harkin (for Salazar) Amendment No. 3355 (to Amendment No. 3325), to allocate funds to the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Model Systems of Care Program.

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Harkin (for Alexander/Bingaman) Amendment No. 3375 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funds for partnership grants for teacher preparation under title II of the Higher Education Act of 1965.

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Rejected:

By 34 yeas to 61 nays (Vote No. 373), DeMint Amendment No. 3338 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service.

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By 41 yeas to 52 nays (Vote No. 379), Vitter Amendment No. 3330 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the provision of funds to grantees who perform abortions.

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By 46 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 380), Sessions Amendment No. 3373 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase the amount of funds available for the Office of Labor-Management Standards.

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Withdrawn:

Kyl Amendment No. 3356 (to Amendment No. 3325), to modify provisions relating to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. **Page S13051**

Pending:

Harkin/Specter Amendment No. 3325, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S13032–33**

Vitter Amendment No. 3328 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide a limitation on funds with respect to preventing the importation by individuals of prescription drugs from Canada. **Page S13032**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3335 (to Amendment No. 3325), to increase funding for the State Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. **Page S13032**

Thune Amendment No. 3333 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide additional funding for the telehealth activities of the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Page S13032**

Dorgan Amendment No. 3345 (to Amendment No. 3325), to require that the Secretary of Labor report to Congress regarding jobs lost and created as a result of the North American Free Trade Agreement. **Page S13032**

Menendez Amendment No. 3347 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the activities under the Patient Navigator Outreach and Chronic Disease Prevention Act of 2005. **Page S13032**

Ensign Amendment No. 3342 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to administer Social Security benefit payments under a totalization agreement with Mexico. **Page S13043**

Ensign Amendment No. 3352 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to process claims based on illegal work for purposes of receiving Social Security benefits. **Page S13043**

Lautenberg/Snowe Amendment No. 3350 (to Amendment No. 3325), to prohibit the use of funds to provide abstinence education that includes information that is medically inaccurate. **Pages S13047–48**

Roberts Amendment No. 3365 (to Amendment No. 3325), to fund the small business child care grant program. **Page S13048**

Reed Amendment No. 3360 (to Amendment No. 3325), to provide funding for the trauma and emergency medical services programs administered through the Health Resources and Services Administration. **Page S13064**

Allard Amendment No. 3369 (to Amendment No. 3325), to reduce the total amount appropriated to any program that is rated ineffective by the Office of Management and Budget through the Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART). **Pages S13064–66**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007;

provided further, that all first-degree amendments be filed at the desk by 1 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007.

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Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-28)

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring February 27, 2014.

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Joaquin F. Blaya, of Florida, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Edward E. Kaufman, of Delaware, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

Susan M. McCue, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2010.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2008.

Dennis M. Mulhaupt, of California, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2011.

Steven J. Simmons, of Connecticut, to be a Member of the Broadcasting Board of Governors for a term expiring August 13, 2009.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Navy.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Text of H.R. 3093, as Previously Passed:

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Record Votes: Eight record votes were taken today. (Total—380)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:24 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, October 19, 2007. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S13135.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Transportation, focusing on issues related to funding and overseeing infrastructure projects, strengthening highway, rail, and air safety, reducing congestion, and modernizing the National Airspace System, after receiving testimony from Mary E. Peters, Secretary, and Calvin L. Scovel, III, Inspector General, both of the Department of Transportation.

SCIENCE PARKS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Innovation concluded a hearing to examine science parks, focusing on bolstering United States competitiveness, including S. 1373, to provide grants and loan guarantees for the development and construction of science parks to promote the clustering of innovation through high technology activities, after receiving testimony from Senator Bingaman; J. Michael Bowman, Delaware Technology Park, Inc., Newark, on behalf of the Association of University Research Parks (AURP); Phillip S. Stafford, University of Arkansas Technology Development Foundation, Fayetteville; and Randall T. Kempner, Regional Innovation, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Council on Competitiveness.

LEAD EFFECTS ON CHILDREN

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine lead and children's health, focusing on scientific evidence of lead's effects on children, recent research and incidents highlighting exposures and risks to children from lead, and mechanisms for addressing and preventing childhood lead exposures, after receiving testimony from James B. Gulliford, Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency; Olivia